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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING JULY 19, 1977 (SALT TWO -1288)

1. AT JULY 19 PLENARY (SENATOR MATHIAS PRESENT) MY
STATEMENT DEALT WITH DUAL-CAPABLE LAUNCHER. I
REVIEWED RECENT EXCHANGES ON SUBJECT AND RECOGNIZED
JULY 1 SOVIET PROPOSALS AS "CONSTRUCTIVE". I POINTED
OUT THAT QUESTIONS REMAIN, WITH REGARD TO VERIFIABILITY
AND INTERPRETATION OF THE NEW SOVIET PROPOSALS. I
COMMENTED THAT INTERPRETATION WAS COMPLICATED BY
EXISTENCE OF SOVIET DUAL-CAPABLE LAUNCHER AND THAT
MEASURES UNDERTAKEN AT THE TEST RANGE HAD CONCEALED
ASSOCIATION OF MISSILES WITH THEIR LAUNCHERS. I
REITERATED THAT A SOLUTION TO THE DUAL-CAPABLE LAUN-
CHER PROBLEM WOULD REQUIRE THAT SOVIETS UNDERTAKE
VERIFIABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO ASSURE US THAT SS-20
LAUNCHERS CANNOT BE USED TO LAUNCH ICBMS.

2. SEMENOV'S FIRST STATEMENT TABLED EDITORIAL CHANGES
TO ARTICLE XI (SALT TWO -1284). HIS SECOND STATEMENT
TABLED LANGUAGE FOR AN AGREED STATEMENT TO ARTICLE VII
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DESIGNATING "TYURA-TAM" AND "PLESETSKAYA" AS "CURRENT
TEST RANGES AT WHICH ICBMS ARE TESTED" (SEPTTEL). WE
AGREED THAT BOTH SOVIET PROPOSALS WOULD BE REFERRED TO
THE DRAFTING GROUP.

3. IN BILATERAL, SEMENOV DESCRIBED TURSOV'S ILLNESS

AS A MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION, INDICATING TRUSOV WOULD NOT RETURN TO NEGOTIATIONS "UNTIL AFTER SEPTEMBER". I QUESTIONED THE INTENT OF "LAUNCHERS WHICH AT ONE AND THE SAME TIME...", IN THE SOVIET JULY 1 STATEMENT ON DUAL CAPABLE LAUNCHERS AND HE TOOK THE QUESTION.

4. IN STOERTZ-PAVLICHENKO BILATERALS, PAVLICHENKO COMMENTED THAT THE US HAD MADE AN UNFORTUNATE CHOICE OF TOPICS ("FALSE" ISSUES OF DUAL-CAPABLE LAUNCHERS AND CONCEALMENT AT TEST RANGES) TO SPEAK ABOUT ON THE ARRIVAL OF SENATOR MATHIAS. STOERTZ REPLIED THAT THE US DID NOT FEEL THE NEED TO MAKE CHANGES IN DEFERENCE TO DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AND ASKED WHETHER THE SOVIET SIDE HAD CHOSEN ITS TOPIC BECAUSE OF THE SENATOR'S PRESENCE. PAVLICHENKO DENIED IT. WITH REGARD TO THE US STATEMENT, HE REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO CONCEALMENT AT PLESetsk AND INSISTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO SUCH CONCEALMENT SINCE NOVEMBER 1975.

5. IN MATHIAS-ROWNY/BELETSKY BILATERAL, BELETSKY, DURING A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON VERIFICATION AND SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO DUAL-CAPABLE LAUNCHERS, COMMENTED THAT SOVIETS COULD RAISE ISSUES ABOUT MMII BEING DUAL-CAPABLE BUT THAT THEY CHOSE TO BE MORE REALISTIC AND NOT RAISE THE ISSUE.

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